A briefe declaratiõ of the shews, deuices, speeches, and inuentions, done & performed before the Queenes Maiestie, & the French Ambassadours, at the most valiaunt and worthye Triumph, attempted and executed on the Munday and Tuesday in VVhitson weeke Last, Anno 1581

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To the verie worshipfull

and his approued patrone, Maſter Rowland Braſebridge of great VVickombe, in the countie of Buck. Gen. his humble and faithful auowed: Henrie Goldwell wiſheth that welfare which highteth eternall happines.

SIr, I ſtande at a ſtay like the Ladie of THESSALIE, and in a mammering maze like ALEXANDERS man, the on making pitious plaintes in beholding the picture of her perſon, fearing shee shoulde not be fancied, and alwaies lamented when she wrote any letter, doubting it shoulde be disliked: The other wept in winter for extremitie of colde, and sorowed in ſummer to remember the returne of HYEMS. So reſt I aſtayled with ſuch perplexities, and frozen with like feare, not only douting to diſcouer theſe honourable Actions, for feare of the miſreporting: but alſo fearing mine owne vnworthineſſe and want of skilfull eloquence to ſet forth ſo woorthie a matter (as was the laſt Triumph perfourmed before her Maieſtie:) Yet I conſidered vvith my ſelfe, better an ill reporter then a dumme ſpeaker, better badly laid open then quite forgotten, & better Porredge then no repaſt? VVhen APPOLLO is a sheepe then PAN is chiefe minſtrill: when PALLAS is abſent, then SERES is eloquent: vvhen TVLLIE is out of tovvn, thē CRASSVS may crake of his cunning. Therfore ſith no mā vvriteth at al of theſe vvorthies, nor no perſō publisheth the exploits of theſe nobles, rather thē oblition should diminish their merits, I haue attēpted the vvriting. And ſo nere as I could I haue made a collection both of their names, ſpeaches, and chiefeſt inuentions, vvhich as they bee, I preſent to your preſence in name of a nevvſe or noueltie, knovving none more vvorthie then your ſelf, to vvhom to preſent this Pamphlet, both for your knovvledge in approued Martial Chiualrie, nor none vvhō I honour or ovve more dutifull loyaltie. As report hath rong forth your deſerued vvorthynes, and flying FAME hath reſounded your ſeruice, both in greene youths, and

these your graue yeres, employed aſvvell in vvarres as in peace, in quailing the enemie, as in ruling your countrey, in aduenturing abroad, in aduertiſing at home, then a conductor, novv a director, then valiant as MARS, novve made a ciuill MAGISTRATE, then boldly in battell till the laſt blovve, novve buſied at home in trayning vp ſouldiers, and to be short, then accounted a Captaine, like ACHILLES for courage, novve eſteemed as SCIPIO for ſinguler counſaile. And knovving vvould delight you to heare of the tovvardneſſe of our English Nobles, and of the courage of our courtlie crue, ſith you vvere abſent at the perfourming of theſe pleaſures, I haue at this preſent for your recreation thus certified theſe courtly and knightly diſcourſes, to you vvho in times paſt haue bene, as gallant a courtier as a valliant ſouldier: But if you ere this haue bene tolde of this Triumph, it may be you heard not the names of the parties; and though you haue heard of the number of rumours, yet paraduenture you knovve not theffect of their ſpeaches, and though you haue heard of their ſeueral coppies: yet happely you miſſe of their ſundrie inuentions, and though you be priuie to moſt of theſe matters, yet hope I you vvill like nere the vvorſe of my labours, nor make leſſe account of this my vvel meaning: therfore as one more aduenturus thē vvarie, more preſūptuous thē vvittie, more foole hardie then praiſe vvorthy, I ſubmit my ſelfe to the knees of your courteſie, to like of me and my preſent, hoping to find that fauour at your handes vvhich an Emperour once shevved to his ſimpleſt Subiect, vvho more eſteemed his poore dish of vvater, thē the gifts of gold of his richeſt marchāts, the one proceding of loue to his povver, the other in hope of a greater gain? vvhoſe Image if you imitate I pronounce my ſelf happie, and the gain that I looke for, is your gracious good vvill? vvhereby I shalbe emboldened to attempt ſome vvorke more vvorthy, to gratifie your goodnes and to make moſt manifeſt my dutifull loyaltie, vvishing you novve and eueral things vvouldly to your vertuous vvill, & after the time of this tranſitorie life, your ſoule may ſing *Alleluia* vvith the number of thelect, and reap that revvard vvhich remaineth endleſſe.

Yours moſt vvilling to be commaunded, & moſte deſirous to diſcharge his duety. } H. G.

¶ A Declaration of the Triumph ſhewed before the Queenes Maieſtie, and the French Ambaſſadours, on VVhitſon Munday & Tueſday.

TO begynne particularly to wright of theſe attempts, and briefly to runne ouer eache ſeuerall action, the cauſe of the ſame is firſte to be conſidered. After the arriuall of the French Ambaſſadours, and vpon their comming to the Engliſh court, The Nobles and Gentlemen of the ſame, deſirous to ſhew them all courteſie poſſible fitteſt for ſuch eſtates, and to ſporte them with all courtly pleaſure, agreede among them to prepare a Triumphe, whiche was very quickly concluded, and being deuiſed in moſte ſumptuous order, was by them performed in as valiant a manner, to their endleſſe fame and honour. The cheefe, or challengers in theſe attemptes, were theſe.

The Earle of *Arundel*, the Lord *Windsore* Master *Philip Sidney*, and Master *Fulke Grevill*, Who calling themselues the four Foster Children of Desire, made their inuention of the foresaide Triumphe in this order and forme followiug.

The excellent inuention of the Triumph.

The Gallary or place at the end of the Tiltyard adioining to her Maiesties house at *Whiteball*, wheras her person should be placed, was called and not without cause, the Castle or *Fortresse of perfect beautie*, for as much as her highnes should be there included, whereto the said Foster children laybe Tytle and claime as their due by discent to belong vnto them. And vppon deniall or any repulse from that their desired patrimonie, they vowed to vanquishe & conquer by force who so shoulde seeme to withstand it. For the accomplishing whereof they sent their challenge or first defiance to the Queens maiestie: which was vttred by a boy on Sunday, the sixteenth of Aprill last, as her Maiesty came frō the Chappel, who being apparrelled in red and white, as a Partial messenger of Desires fostered Children, without making any precise reuerence

uerence at all, vttered theſe ſpeeches of defiaunce, from his maſters to her Maieſtie, the effect whereof enſueth.

O Lady, that doth intitle the titles you poſſeſſe with the honour of your worthineſſe, rather crowning the great crowne you holde, with the fame to haue ſo excellinge an owner, then you receiuinge eo your ſelfe any encreaſe, keeping that outward ornament? Vouchſafe with patient attention to heare the wordes which I by commandement am here to deliuer vnto you, wherein if your eares (vſed to the thankes giuing of your people and the due prayſes of the earth) ſhall feele a ſtately diſdayne to heare once the ſounde of a defie? yet dare I warrant my ſelfe ſo farre vpon the reply deceiuing ſhow of rare beauty, as that malice can not fall from ſo fayre a minde vppon the ſely meſſenger, whoſe mouth is a ſeruant to others direction. Know ye therefore al onely Princeſſe, that hereby (for far of they are neuer) there lyes encamped the foure long haples, now hopeful foſtered children of Deſire: who hauing bin a great vvhile nouriſhed vp vvith that infectiue milke, and to to much care of their fiery foſterer, (though full oft that dry nurſe diſpaier indeuered to vvaine them from it) being novve as ſtrong in that nurture, as they are vveake in Fortune, incouraged vvith the valiaunt counſaile of neuer fainting DESIRE, and by the ſame aſſured, that by right of inheritaunce euen from euer, the FORTRESSE OF BEAVTIE doth belong to her Foſtered Children, Laſtly, finding it blazed by all tongues, ingraued in all hearts, and proued by all eies that this fortreſſe

The firſt defie or challenge.

built by nature is seated in this Realme: These foure I say and say againe, thus nourished, thus animated thus entituled, and thus enformed, doe vvill you by me, euen in the name of Iustice, that you wil no lõger exclude vertuous DESIRE frõ perfect BEAVTIE? VVhereto if you yelde, (O yelde for so al reason requireth) then haue I no more to say, but reioice that my sayings hath obteined so righfull, and yet so blissefull a requeste. But if (alasse but let not that be needful) BEAVTIE be accompanied vvith disdainfull pride, and pride vvaighted on by refusing crueltie. Then must I denounce vnto you (VVoe is me, answvere before it be denounced) that they determine by requeste to accomplish their claim, And because they vvill better testifie to the vvorlde, they haue bene brought vp vnder the vvings of honorable DESIRE, this honourable forevvarning they sende you. That vpon the xxiiii day of this month of April they vvill besiege that fatal FORTRESSE, vowing not to spare (if this obstinacie continue) the svvoorde of faithfulneſſe, and the fire of affection? Novve if so it fall out, the vvorthie knights of your Court (moued vvith passion in them selues) disdaine of my tenders boldeneſſe, or partiall liking (vvhiche I moste doubt) to the maiestie of your eyes, will either bid them battell before they approch, or suffering them to approch, vvill after labor to leuye the siege, They protest to meet them in vvhat sort they vvill chuse, vvishing onely it may bee performed before your ovvne eies, vvhome they knovv as euen in iudgement, as daintie in chusing, vvhere if so they list. First at the Tilte in so many courses, as your self shall please to appoint. And then if any wil call them to the course of the field vvith Launce and svvord,

they

they hope to giue ſuch true prooſes of their valler, as at leaſt ſhal make their deſires more noble, vovving on the other ſide, that if before the night part the fray, they do not ouercome al thē that come in againſt them, they vvil yeeld themſelues ſlaues vnto you for euer? This therefore O Queene (greater in that you are Queen of your ſelfe, then in paſſing the whole compaſſe of the earth) haue I deliuered my charge, not as a challenge to your knightes? againſte vvhome, (but in ſo iuſt a cauſe) they acknovvledge themſelues vnable to match the meaneſt, But as a plaine proclaimation of VVarre, vnleſſe the FORTRESSE OF BEAVTIE, that hath vvoon ſo many to loſe themſelues, be ſpeedily ſurrendered: And novv it ſhalbe ſeene vvhat knights you haue, whom BEAVTIE may dravv to reſiſt a rightful title, And I for my pore part moued by that I ſee in you (thogh I ſerue your enemies) vvill daily pray that all men may ſee you, & then you ſhal not feare any arms of aduerſaries: Or if enimies you muſt haue, that either they may haue the mindes of them that ſend me, or their fortunes in that they haue long deſired.

At which day aboueſaid for certain vrgent occaſions, the ſaide Challenge and Triumph by her Maieſties commādement, was deferred till the firſt day of May. At which day for like cauſes it was further deferred til the nert Munday following, beeing the eighth day of May: And ſo till Whitſon Munday, when they firſt began to perfourme it.

Vrgent cauſes why the Challenge was deferd.

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The said day being come, the foure *Fo-ster* children had made preparation to be-siege the *Fortresse* of Beawtie. And thereto had prouided a frame of wood which was couered with Canuas, & painted outwardly in such excellent order, as if it had bene ve-ry naturall earth or moulde, and caried the name of a *Rowling trench*, which went on wheeles, which way soeuer ỹ persons with in did driue it. Upon the top whereof was placed two Cannons of wood, so passing well couliered, as they seemed to be in deed two fayre field peeces of ordinances, and by them was placed two men for Gunners clothed in Crymson Sarcenet, with their baskets of erth for defēce of their bodies by them. And also there stood on the top of the trench, an Ensigne bearer, in the same sute with the gunners, displaying his ensigne. and within the saide trench was cunnin-gly conueyed, diuers kinde of most excellent musicke against the castle of *Beauty*. These things thus al in a readinesse, the Challen-gers approched, & came from the Stable toward the Tyltyard, one after another in braue and excellent order. And the manner of their seueral entrings was as foloweth.

The order of the rovvling trench vvith most excel-lent inuen-tions.

First

ſhewed before the Queenes Maieſtie.

First, the Earle of *Arundell* entred the Tylteyarde, all in Gylt and engrauen Armour, with Capariſons and furniture richly and brauely embroidered, hauing attendaunt on him, Two gentlemen vshers, iiii. Pages riding on foure ſpare horſes, and twentie of his Gentlemen. All which aforeſayde were apparrayled in ſhorte Clokes and venetian hoſe of Crymſon veluet, layd with gold lace, doublets of yellow Satten, hattes of Crymſon veluet with gold bands and yellow fethers, and yellow ſilke ſtocks. Then had hee ſixe trumpetters that ſounded before him. And iiii. yeomen that waited after him apparailed in Caſſock coats, and venetian hoſe of Crimſon veluet, layde on with red ſilke and golde lace, Dublets of yellow taffatie, Hats of crimſon Taffatie, with yellowe feathers, and yellowe worſted ſtockings.

The Earle of Arundels entrie the firſte day.

After him proceded the Lord *Windſore*, in gilte and engrauen Armour, with capariſons and furniture, richely embroydered with golde, hauing attendant on him foure Pages riding on foure ſpare horſes, and foure and twentie gentlemen, All apparailed

The Lorde VVindſors entrie the firſt day.

led in short cloaks of scarlet, lined through with orange tawnie taffatie, & laide about with siluer lace, Dublets of orange tawny Satten, venetiã hose of orange tawnie veluet, blacke veluet caps, with siluer bandes and white feathers, and siluered rapiers & daggers, with scabberds of blacke veluet. Foure trumpetters, and two footemen in cassocke coats and venetian hose of orange tawnie veluet, and black veluet caps with siluer bands & white fethers, foure gromes of his stable leading of his foure horses, in cassocke coats and venetian hose of orange tawnie taffatie, and orange tawnie feltes with siluer bands, and white fethers. Then had he three score yeomen in coates of Orenge tawnie cloche, with the *Vnicorne* of of siluer plate on their sleeues, and orange tawnie felters with siluer bands and white feathers.

M. Sydneys entry.

Then proceeded M. *Philip Sidney*, in very sumptuous maner, w armor part blewe, & the rest gilt & engrauen, with foure spare horses, hauing caparisons and furniture veri riche & costly, as some of cloth of gold embroidred w pearle, & some embroidred with

with gold and siluer feathers, very richly & cunningly wrought, he had foure pages ỳ rode on his four spare horses, who had cassok coats & venetiã hose al of cloth of siluer, layd with gold lace, & hats of ỳ same with golde bands, and white fethers, and eache one a paire of white buskins. Thẽ had he a thirtie gentlemen & yomen, & foure trumpetters, who were all in cassoke coats and venetian hose of yellow veluet, laid wᵗ siluer lace, yellowe veluet caps with siluer bands and white fethers, and euery one a paire of white buskins. And they had vppon their coates, a scrowle or bande of siluer, which came scarfe wise ouer the shoulder, and so downe vnder the arme, with this poesie, or sentence written vpon it, both before and behinde, Sic nos non nobis.

Then came M. *Fulke Greuill*, in gylt armour, with riche and fayre caparisons and furniture, hauing foure spare horses with foure Pages riding vpon them, and foure Trumpeters sounding before him, and a Twentie men gentlemen and yomen attending vpon him, who with the Pages & Trumpeters were all apparelled in loose Jerkins

M. Fulke Greuils entry.

Ierkins of Tawnie taffatie, cut and lined with yellowe sarsenet, & laied with golde lace, and cut downe the arme and set with loopes and buttons of golde, Uenetian hose of the same lined as aforesaid, laied with golde lace downe the side with loopes and buttons of golde, with each a paire of yellow worsted stockings. And hatts of Tawnie Taffatie with golde bands and yellow Fethers. Hauing thus all entred the Tilte yard, they proceeded on with the rowling trenche before them, which staied against the Queene, and they passed by, as though they would behold the Fortresse of *Beauty*. And so went about the Tilt, At last the boy that uttered the firste defiaunce pronounced these speeches to her Maiestie.

The second defie or challenge.

If the message lately deliuered vnto you had bene beleeued and followed. (O Queene) in whom the whole story of vertue is written with the language of BEAVTIE. Nothing should this violence haue needed in your inuiolate presence, your eyes which til now haue bene onely wont to discerne the bowed knees of kneeling heartes, and inwardly tourned, found alwaies the heauenly peace of a sweete mind, Shoulde not nowe haue their faire beames reflect with the shining of Armoure, shoulde not nowe be driuen to see the furie of Desire, nor the fyery force of fury: But since so it is (alasse that so it is) that in the

the defence of obstinate refusal ther neuer groweth victory but by compassion? They are come, what neede I say more, you see them, ready in hart as you knowe, and able with handes as they hope, not only to assailing but to preuailing. Perchance you dispise the smalnesse of number, I say vnto you, the force of DESIRE goes not by fulnesse of company. Nay rather Vew with what vnresistable determination themselues approch, And howe not onely the heauens send their inuisible Instrument to ayde them. But also the very earth the dullest of al the Elements which with naturall heauinesse still striues to the sleepie Center, yet for aduancing this enterprise is cõtented actiuely as you shal see to moue it selfe vpõ it selfe, to rise vp in height, That it may the better command the high & high minded FORTRESSE? Many wordes when deedes are in field are tedious both to the speaker and hearer, you see their forces but know not their fortunes, if you bee resolued, it boots not, and threats dread not, I haue discharged my charge, which was euen when all thinges were ready for the assaulte, then to offer partlie a thinge not so much vnused as gratious in besiegers, you shal nowe be sommoned to yeld, which if it be reiected, then looke for the affectionate Allarme to bee followed with desirous Assaulte: The time approcheth for their approches: But no time shall stay me from wishing, that how soeuer this succeede, the worlde may long time enioy her cheefest ornament, which deckes it with her selfe, and herselfe with the loue of goodnesse.

Meaning the musicke vvithin the mount.

VVhervvith the mount moued and rose vp in height.

Which speach being ended, the Rowlling trench

trench or Mounte of earth was mooued as nere the Queenes Maiestie as might be, which being setled, the musike played verie pleasauntly, and one of the Bopes being then accompanied with Cornets, summoned the *Fortresse* with this song.

Yeelde yeelde, O yeelde, you that this FORTE do holde,
which seated is, in spotlesse honors fielde,
Desires great force, no forces can withhold:
then to DESIERS desire, O yeelde O yeelde.

Yeelde yeelde O yeelde, trust not on beauties pride,
fayreneſſe though fayer, is but a feeble shielde,
When strong Desire, which vertues loue doth guide,
claymes but to gaine his due, O yeelde O yeelde.

Yeelde yeelde O yeelde, who first this Fort did make,
did it for iust Desires, true children builde,
Such was his minde, if you another take:
defence herein doth wrong, O yeelde O yeelde,

Yeelde yeelde O yeelde, now is it time to yeelde,
Before thassault beginne, O yeelde O yeelde.

When that was ended, another Bope turning him selfe to the *Foster* children and their retinue, sung this Allarme.

Allarme allarme, here will no yeelding be,
such marble eares, no cunning wordes can charme,

Courage

Courage therefore, and let the ſtately ſee.
that naught withſtandes DESIRE, Allarme allarme.

Allarme allarme, let not their beauties moue
remorſe in you to doe this FORTRESSE harme,
For ſince warre is the ground of vertues loue,
no force, though force be vſed Allarme allarme.

Allarme allarme, companions nowe beginne,
about this neuer conquered walles to ſwarme,
More prayſe to vs we neuer looke to winne,
much may that was not yet, Allarme allarme.

Allarme allarme when once the fight is warme,
then ſhall you ſee them yelde, Allarme allarme.

Which ended, the two Canons were ſhott off, the one with ſweet pouider, and the other with ſweete water, very odoriferous and pleaſaunt, and the noyſe of the ſhooting was very excellent conſent of melodie within the Mounte: And after that, was ſtoze of prettie ſcaling ladders, and the footemen throwe Flowers and ſuch fancies againſt the walles, with all ſuch deuices as might ſeeme fit ſhot for *Deſire*. All which did continue till time the Defendaunts came in.

The ſhooting of, of the two Canons, the one with ſweet water, and the other with ſweet pouldet.

Then came in the defendaunts in moſt

The maner of the defendants comming in.

ſumptuous maner, with euery one his ſeruaunts, Pages, and trumpeters, (hauing ſome more, ſome leſſe) in ſuch order as I haue here vnder placed thē, with euery one his ſundrie inuention, which for that ſome of them be miſtical and not knowen to manie, I omit therefore for breuities ſake to ſpeake of anie, yet ſuch ſpeeches as weare ſpoken or preſented for them to her Maieſtie, ſo manie as were, or at the leaſt as I could come by, I haue here in their order placed them, whereby their inuentions for whome they were ſpoken, are therin plainlie declared. Therefore I refer you to the reeding of them hereafter, But thus the defendaunts, entred the tilte yarde, one after an other as followeth.

The defendant names that run at Tilte.

First M. *Henry Grey*, Sir *Thomas Parat*, M. *Anthonie Cooke*, M. *Thomas Ratcliffe*, Maſter *Henrie Knowles*, M. *William Knowles*, M. *Robert Knowles*, M. *Frauncis Knowles*, M. *Raffe Bowes*, M. *Thomas Kelway*, M. *George Goring*, M. *William Treſham*, M. *Robert Alexander*, M. *Edwarde Dennie*, M. *Herculus Meautus*, M. *Edward Moore*, M. *Richard Skipwith*, M. *Richard Ward*.

ſhewed before the Queenes Maieſtie,

Warde, M. Edward Digbie, M. Henry Nowell, M. Henry Brunkerd. And afterwards in the middeſt of the running, came in Sir *Henry Lea*, as vnknowen, and when he had broke his ſixe ſtaues, went out in like maner againe.

So paſſing on one after another, when ſir *Thomas Parat* and M. *Cooke* came to the end of the Tilt, ouer againſt the Queens Maieſtie, one of their pages arraied like an Angel, vttred theſe ſpeches vnto her.

The ſpeeche of ſir Thomas Parrat and maſter Cooke, to the Queene

Diſpayre, no not diſpaire (moſte high and happie Princeſſe) could ſo congeale the frozen knighte in the ayer but that DESIRE, (ah ſweete DESIRE) enforced him to behold the Sun on the earth, whereon as he was gaſing with twinckling eye (for who can behold ſuch beames ſtedfaſtly) he begun to diſſolue into droppes, melting with ſuch delighte that hee ſeemed to preferre the lingering of a certaine death, before the laſting of an vncertaine life, ſuche is the nature of engrauen loyaltie, that it chuſeth rather to haue the body diſſolued then the minde diſliked, Thus conſuming with content, (a ſweete ſicneſſe is conceite) and pining with more then ſpeakable paſſions, he ſuddenly beheld that Sunne to be beſieged which he ſo deuoutly ſerued, wherewith boiling in no leſſe diſdaine, then ſurpriſed with immoderate penſiueneſſe, he vttered theſe wordes: O Ioue, if thou mean to reſolue nature into contraries, why doe I liue to ſee it, if into nothing, why doe I liue at all, if the foote ſcale the head, there is no reſt

if DESIRE ouershoote duetie, there is no reason, and where either of these are, there can be no rule. And so setting more sighes then may bee numbred by sypheis, this present time, (ah greefe) this present time, that honest and fayre harted frozen Knighte died, (what said I) euen that which againe with grief I must say died, whose ghost making speedy passage into the ELISIAN fieldes (for what more swifte then a soule) in the middest of the infernall multitude, with screeches, cryes and clamers, made both Heauen and hell to redouble this Eccho, O times, O men, O curruption of manners, the Sunne is besieged, the Sunne (O mischiefe) the Sunne is besieged which strange and vnacquainted tearmes, caused not onely murmuring amongest the Ghosts beneathe, but a musing among the Gods aboue, who aswell to represse the tumultes whiche might haue risen among the shaddowes, as to reuenge the pride which began to growe on the earth, sente downe an Angell with this commaundemente, Goe discende, and cause ADAM and EVE to appeare on the earth in that sort as they were in Paradise, that the world may know them and wonder at them, for seeing out of their loines haue issued those prepostorous lymmes, I know none more fit to correct them? Certes none more willing: They will attempte any thing for thy sake and seruice of that earthly, and yet (O straunge conceite) moste heauenly Sunne, for as they were before driuen frō their DESIRE, because they desired to knowe the best, so now shall they be driuen to their DESIRE whiche they couet to honour most, This shall be their rewarde, they shall come neere and yet shall not searche, and bee they farre of, it shall warme, A cloud may sometimes barre their sight, but nothing shall

By the Sun is meant her Maiestie, called before the Fortres of Beawtie.

Sir Thomas Parrat and M. Cooke were both in like armour beset, with apples and fruite, the one signifying Adā, & the other Eue, who had haire hung all lovvn his helmet.

ſhall depriue them the ſauegarde; yet commaunde them to be humble in affection, thoughe feruente, leaſte they ſeeme to diſdayne that pride in others, whiche they deſire themſelues, The Sunne the higheſte, delighteth in the ſhaddowe whiche is ſhorteſt, and nourtheth the tree whoſe roote groweth deepeſt, not whoſe toppe ſpringeth loftieſt. This commiſſion and counſeil ended all thinges were in a moment accompliſhed with ſuche ſeleritie (for to the Gods time is tied) that they were ſped as ſoone as they were ſpoken, And now moſt renoumed and deuine Sunne, Adam & Eue being preſent, vouchſafe to heare ſomwhat in their behalfs pronounced, Sir Knights, if in beſieging the ſunne ye vnderſtood what you had vndertaken, ye would not deſtroye a common bleſſing for a priuate benefite: VVill you ſubdue the ſunne, who ſhal reſt in the ſhadow where the weary take breath, the diſquiet reſt, and all comforte, wil ye bereaue all men of thoſe gliſtering and gladſome beames, what ſhall then proſper in the ſhining, but you will climbe it by the rayes. O rare exhalations, brothers you may bee to DESIRE, but ſonnes ye are to ill hap, whiche thinkes you can not ſincke deepe enoughe into the ſea, vnleſſe you take your ſal from the ſunne, Deſiſt you knights, deſiſt, ſithe it is impoſſible to reſiſt, content your ſelues with the ſunnes indifferent ſuccour, ſuffer the Ieniper ſhrub to growe by the loftie Oake, and claime no prerogatiue where the ſunne graunteſ no priniledge, for being of the ſame mettall that others are, the ſunne wil work the like effects, as ſhe doth in others, The Giants wold haue ben gods, if they could haue ſcaled the heauens & you no leſſe then ſtarres, could you cõquer the ſame But as their throwing hil vpõ hil did manifeſt their pride, but nothing further their

The Angell ſpeaketh to the Queene.

He ſpeaketh to the challengers in the behalfe of the two knights, Adam & Eue.

their pretence, So your laying challenge vpō claim, & conqueſt vpon challeng, may wel proue a wil but no worthineſſe, A deſire to reach, but no poſſibility to recouer, In which your ſoaring attemptes if you chāce to fal, the only cōfort you haue, is to cry with PHAETON MAGNIS EXCIDIMVS AVSIS: But if no perſwaſions may moue your minds: Know ye proud Knights, there are that haue hearts as big as mountaines, and as far aboue you in prowweſſe, as ye are aboue all in preſumption, yet not ſo vaine (vvhiche ye terme valiant) to aſſault the ſunne, and vvhy, becauſe it is impregnible, vvee content to enioy the light, ye to ecclipſe it, vve to reſt vnder the feete, ye to run ouer the head, we to yeeld to that vvhich nothing can conquer, you to conquer that vvhich maketh all men Captiues. But vveare it poſſible, that head could deuiſe, courage attempt, or hand execute any thing that might ſhevv the depth of our vnſpotted Loialty, ſoone ſhould be ſeene (and for your ſelues to ſoone) that your enterpriſes ſhould bee of as ſmall account then, as novv they are of lightlihood, ſo deepe an impreſſion is engrauen in our thoughts, for the maieſtie of that ſunne vvhich novv pearcing our eyes hath fully ſubdued our hearts, that vve are preſt in her defence to offer the vvhole vvorld defiance, In prooſe vvhereof I am charged to throvve dovvne his Gauntlet, vvhich vvho ſo dareth take vp, ſhall feele both the heate of their iuſte conceiued quarrell, and the reproch of their ovvn deſerued folly, not my riding in breaking a fevve ſtaues to ende the ſtrife, but at Tournie or vvhat elſe ſo euer they can deuiſe or dare aduenture for to vvin the benefite of BEAVTIE, Thus moſte renoumed and deuine BEAVTIE, vvhoſe beames ſhine like the Sun, haue ADAM and EVE aduentured to defend the Sunne,

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the ſame I call Beautie the lighte of the vvorlde, the maruel of men, the mirour of nature, on vvhich their encounter, if thoſe fauourable gleams may fall, they vvil not onely thinke to haue done good herein, but to be reſtored againe to Paradice, the one meaneth to repoſe his truſt in a vvoman, vvho like Eve cannot be beguiled, the other to reſt on a Saint, vvhich by a Serpent vvill not be tempted, Thus being placed in the Garden of your Graces, O of all thinges moſte gratious vvhere vertues grovve as thicke as leaues did in Paradiſe. They vvill take heede to taſte of the forbidden fruite, contented to beholde, not coueting to take holde, And for that it hath bin long argued, and no arguing can end? vvhether the firſt offence came by the crudelitie of ADAM, or the ſimplicitie of EVE, the one defending his faulte by ſounde argumentes, the other excuſing hers by ſharp anſvveres, they moſt humbly ſue for this, that either by Six courſes betvvene them the quarrell may bee ended, or by your highnes peremptory ſentence determined, for they both being in the vvorld are deſirous that one might beare the blame of both, And vvhat herein your excellencie ſhall ſet downe, there is none ſhall gainſay, For whenſoeuer the queſtion ſhall be moued, No other reaſon ſhall bee allovved then this.

Elizabetha dixit.

This ſpeech being thus ended, Sir *Thomas Parat*, and M. *Cooke* proceded backward on the other ſide of the Tilte, And when M. *Ratcliffe* came likewiſe againſt the Queene, one of his Pages pronoun-

ced theſe ſpeeches in his Maſters behalf to her Maieſtie.

M. Ratcliffes ſpeech to the Queene

So manie vvere the misfortunes, (moſt renoumed and beavvtifull Princeſſe) of the deſolate knight my maſter, as neither the ſhortnes of the time vvil ſuffer me to repeat, nor the greatnes af the miſterie to remember? But let this ſuffiſe that ſome there vvere and ſo manifold, that Geometrie vvhereon the body of man hangeth coulde not beare being intollerable, nor the minde vvhich conſiſteth in Arithmeticke, number being infinite. Thus alvvayes croſſed by fortune, vvhoſe croſſing is no bleſſing, he determined to ſeperate him ſelfe as farre from ſocietie, as his actions vvere from ſucceſſe, vvho vvandering through many deſertes, yet finding as he thought no place deſolate, happened at the laſt to come to a Cliffe adioyning to the maine Sea, couered all vvith moſſe vvhereon he vvas vvalking, much delighted vvith the ſolitarie ſeate, but not vvell liking the cold ſcituation, he ſuddenly ſunke into a hollovv vaulte, ſurpriſed at the firſt vvith feare, but ſeeing it at the laſt a place of ſuccour, he accounted his former miſeries meerly appeaſed by this preſent fortune. In this Denne he vſed for his bed moſſe, for his candle moſſe, for his ceeling moſſe, and vnleſſe novve and then a fevve coales, moſſe for his meate. A dry food God vvot and a freſh, but ſo moiſtened vvith vvette teares, and ſo ſalt, that hard it vvas to coniecture, vvhether it vvere better to feede or to faſt. Here he gaue himſelfe to continuall meditation, ſeperating his mind frō his body, his thought from his hart, yea deuorcing him ſelf frō himſelf, in ſo much that with his

his ſtrange diet & newe conceites, he became ſo enchaunted, that neither the remembrance of others, nor a thought touching himſelfe coulde enter into his minde: An alteration ſeldome heard of, that the place wherein he was ſhrowded in, ſhoulde make him to forget who he is? Liuing thus a long time for that no lumme ſhould ſeeme ſhort, riſing according to his maner to walke in the moſſe in the griſping of the day hee eſpied vpon the ſhore certaine men either caſt away by ſhipwrake, or caſt ouerborde by Pyrattes, vnto whome he went and perceiuing by their plaints one which lay dead amongſt thē to be their maſter, enquired whence they were, but they not willing to repeate their misfortunes, opened the boſome of the gentleman, and pulled out a ſcrowle containing a claime, a challenge, nay a conqueſt of BEAVTIE. At the ſight whereof, ſuddenly (quoth he) Beautie, and therewithall apalled paused, entring by litle and litle out of his preſent MELANCHOLIES into his former misfortunes, who as one awaked out of a long dreame, beganne thus to debate. O Beautie where thy Fortreſſe is ſounded I know, but what theſe brethren ſhould mean I maruaile, for as I am aſſured that to winne thee none coulde be ſo fortunate, ſo did I thinke that to claime thee none coulde be ſo fonde, when as thou O deuine BEAVTIE art of euery one to be deſired, but neuer to be conquered of DESIRE. But as the Eagle beholding the ſunne, coueteth to builde her neſt in the ſame, and ſo dimmeth her ſight. So they vewing the brightneſſe of BEAVTIE are incenſed to conquer it by DESIRE. And what then? becauſe ſhe is inuincible ſhall I be indifferent. No, I will forſake this caytifly Cottage, and will take Armes

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to defende that BEAVVTIES CASTLE. Nothing shall remoue me from mine attempt, vvhich being performed, nothing can mooue me, yea but shee hath seruantes alreadie a number, I but vnlesse I be there, not the vvhole number, but many vvere famous but none more faithfull, yet alasse, if thou go, thou shalt euer be infortunate, better alvvaies infortunat, then one disloyal, vvhich vvords being ended, he demãded vvhether they vvoulde in like case aduenture vvith one of no lesse courage then their master, but certainly of greater affection: VVhose seruice he hauing vpon small entreatie obteined, for that belyke they vvere desirous to see the euent for the vvhich they had suffered such aduentures, hee departed to his caue, hevving a shield out of the hard cliffe enriched onely vvith soft mosse: A double signe of his desire, thinking that nothing could manifest BEAVVTIE so well as PITHAGORAS vvallunt, a tender tyne and a hard shell. And novve most excellent and deuine BEAVVTIE, deuine it must needes be that vvorketh so heauenly, sith he is called from his sohtarie Caue to your sumptuous Court, from bondage to liberty, from a liuing death to a neuer dying life, and all for the sake and seruice of BEAVVTIE: Vouchsafe his shielde vvhich is the ensigne of your fame to be the instrument of his fortune. And for prostrating himselfe to your feete, he is here readie prest to aduenture any aduentures for your gracious fauour.

Here the boy deliuered M. Ratclifs shild to the Queene

Which speeche beeing ended, he retyred back as the rest. And after him came the foure Sonnes of Sir *Frauncis Knowles*, on after another, according to their age, and

Here entreth the iiij. sons of S. Francis Knovvles.

and all in like armour, who comming to the end of the Tilt, ſtayed till theſe ſpeeches were vttred by one of their Pages, who being apparailed like vnto *Mercurie*, pronounced theſe ſpeeches in the Knights behalues to her Maieſtie.

The ſpeech of the foure ſonnes of ſir Frauncis Knovvles, pronounced bytheir page being apparelled like vnto Mercurie.

Report hath bruted all abroad, that deſperate DESIRE vvith a vvonderfull armie of affections hath laid his ſiege againſt the inuincible FORTRESSE OF PEERELESSE BEAVVTIE, and that the chieteſt champions of this moſt famous enterpriſe, are foure of fancies fellovves, Foſterbrothers to DESIRE, and drie nurſt by diſpaire, valiant Knights, and honourable perſonages, vvhoſe hautie hearts deſerue renovvne at leaſt, for venturing to vvin the golde fleece vvithout MEDEAS helpe. The Gyaunts long agoe did ſcale the cloudes men ſay, in hope to vvinne the fort of IVPITER. The vvantō youth, vvhoſe vvaxed vvings did ſtie vvith ſoaring vp aloft, had ſcapt vnſcorcht if he had kept a meaner gale belovv. So falles it out in this attempt, DESIRE vaunts to conquer BEAVVTIES FORTE by force, vvherin the goddeſſe keepes continually vvatch and vvarde, ſo that DESIRE may diſpaire to vvin one ynche of her againſt her vvill. Her ſtately ſeate is ſet ſo high, as that no leuell can be laid againſt her vvalles, and ſooner may men vndertake to hit a ſtarre vvith a ſtone, then to beate her braue bulvvarkes by batterie. No vndermining may preuaile, for that her forte is founded vpon ſo firme a Rocke, as vvill not ſtirre for either fraude or force: And is there any hope to vvinne by famine ſuch a forte as yeeldes continuall ſoode to all her foes, and

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though they feede not fat therevvith, yet muſt they either feede thereon or faſt, for BEAVVTIE is the only baite vvhereon DESIRE bites, and loue the chiefe reſtorme that lady BEAVVTIE likes, ſo that ſhe cā no more be left vvithout meat, then men can liue vvith out mindes: Of all affections that are, DESIRE is the moſt vvorthie to vvoe, but leaſt deſerues to vvinne BEAVVTIE, for in vvinning his ſainct he looſeth him ſelfe, no ſoner hath deſire vvhat he deſireth, but that he dieth preſently: So that vvhen BEAVVTIE yeeldeth once to deſire, then can ſhe neuer vaunt to bee deſired againe: VVherefore of force this principle muſt ſtād, it is conuenient for DESIRE euer to vvith, neceſſarie & that he alvvaies vvant, O rare & moſt renovvmed BEAVVTIE, O goddes to be honored of all, not to be equalled of any, become not novve a priſoner, your FORTRESSE is inuincible, no doubt DESIRE vvill content him ſelfe vvith a fauourable parley, & vvaight for grace by loyaltie not chalenge it by lavvnce, although he make nere ſo braue, the vvordle doth knovve, that Ladie BEAVVTIE needes no reſcue to rayſe this ſiege, for that ſhe ſits aboue al reach, her heauenly looks aboue when ſhe ſo liſtes can dazell all mens eyes. But though ſhe liſte not vſe thoſe meanes, yet it is meete that all her ſeruantes come and ſhevve them ſelues deuout to do her vvil: perchaunce her pleaſure is to ſee the fortes tried of theſe iiii. FOSTER friendes. O happie, tenne times happy they vvhoſe happe ſhalbe vvith fauour of her Deitie, to take in hand this braue attempt: In hope wherof theſe iiii legittimate ſonnes of Deſpaire, brethren to hard miſhappe, ſuckled vvith ſighes, and ſvvathed vp in ſorovv, vveaned in vvo, & drie nurſt by DESIRE, long time ſoſtered vvith fauourable

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countenãce, & fedde vvith svveet fancies, but novv of late (alas) wholy giuẽ ouer to griefe & is disgraced by disdain, are come vvith readie hearts and hands, to proue against these other 4. that DESIRE doth not deserue one vvinke of good fauour from Ladie BEAVTIES smiling eyes, for threatning to winne her forte by force? They dout not the victorie if only they may find some litle shew from their Saint in fauour of their enterprise. If Mercurie haue saide amisse, blame those bright beames vvhich haue bereft him of his wit, if well, vouchsafe one becke to bid him packe avvay.

These speeches beeing ended, both they & the rest marched about the Tyl, and so going backe to the nether ende thereof prepared themselues to run, euery one in his tourne, each defendant six courses againste the former challangers, Who performed their partes so valiantly on both sides, that their prowesse hath demerited perpetuall memory, & worthely woone honoure both to them selues and their native countrie. As *Fame* hath the same reported. The running of the Tilte.

When this dayes sporte was thus accomplished, the boy that vttered the defiances, in these fewe speeches tooke his goodnight of the Queene.

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the boy that vttered the defiance, in this speeche tooke his goodnighte of the Queene.

In the tryall of this debatefull question (O your selfe) then vvith vvhat can be saide more, you see that seeing begins to faile. Might the ordinary truce maker though no truce be treated, (if at least your presence make it not lightsome to vvrappe all in her blacke and mourning vveedes) perchaunce mourning that since night first, vvas the noblest DESIRE, haue bene subiect to vndeserued tormentes: And therefore these knightes by thauthoritie of darkenesse verie vndesirously are compelled to departe from vvhence they came. (neuer part yet ere they goe) Thus much they command me in their names to confesse. That such excellencie they find in your knights and in comparison of them, such vnablenes in their selues. That if Desire did not banish dispaire as a traytor out of his kingdome, it vvoulde haue already vndermined their best grounded determination: but no invvard nor outvvarde vvounde, no vveakenesse, no vvearinesse, can daunt Desire, nor take avvay the natural effects that followve it. Therfore hauing left them no other courage then Desire, no other strength then Desire, no other beginning or ending cause but Desire. They vvill continue this harde and hardie enterprise to morrovve, in the meane time they can finde no place in their heartes that doeth not vvish you as svveet rest, as Psiche vvas conueyed vnto by the gentle Zephirus, and if it be possible by the same gueste visited. They vvithe that vvhen your liddes looke vp, their Iuelles they may preserue them, to see to morrovv a better day thē this, & yet not so singuler succesſe, so as you may long, freely, & ioifully enioy your selfe, to the delight of lookers, and vvonder of markers: this said, the Knightes in order as they came departed.

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The ſeconde dayes ſport.

The nexte dayes ſhowe was done in this ozder. The four foſter childzen of *Deſire*, entered in a bzaue Charriot, (very finely and curiouſly decked) as men ſoze wearied & half ouercome, The charriot was made in ſuche ſoꝛt as vpon the top the 4 knights ſate, w a beautiful Lady, repzeſenting *Deſire* about them. Wherunto their eyes were turned, in token what they deſired, In the bulke of the Charriot was conueied roome ſoz a full conſoꝛt of Muſicke, who plaied ſtill very doleful muſicke as the Charriot moued, the charriot was dzawne by four hozſes accozding to the foure knightes, which hozſes were apparelled in White and carnation ſilke, beeing the colloures of *Deſire*, and as it paſſed by the vpper end of the Tylt, a Harrault of Armes was ſent befoze to vtter theſe ſpeeches in the knights behalfe to her Maieſtie.

Here entereth a moſt excelling, & braue chariot, with rare curious, and coſtly vvork vvith the foure challengers in it, vvhich chariot vvas very curiouſly ſhadovved vvith fine Lavvne.

No confidence in themſelues, O moſt vnmached Princeſſe, before whome enuy dieth, wanting all merenes of compariſon to ſuſteine it, And admiration is expreſſed, finding the ſcope of it void of conceaue-

The firſte ſpeech the ſecond day.

ceauable limits, Nor any slight regarding the force of your valliant knights, hath encouraged the Foster children of Desire to make this day an inheritour of yesterdayes action: Put the wing of Memorie alasse the sworne enimie to the wofull mans quietnesse, being constantly helde by the hande of perfection, And neuer ceassing to blow the cole of some kindled Desire, hath broughte their inward fyer to blaze forth this flame vnquenchable by any meanes: till by death the whole fewel be consumed, and therefore not able to maister it, they are violently borne whether desire drawes. Although they must confes (alasse) that yesterdayes braue onset should come to such a confession: That they are not greatly companied with hope, the common supplier to Desires army. So as nowe from summoning this Castel to yeld, they are fallen lowly to beseech you to vouchsafe your eyes out of that Impregnable Fortresse, to beholde what will fal out betwixt them and your famous knights: wherein though they bee so ouerpressed with the others valure that already they could vnnethe haue bene able to come hither, if the charriot of Desire had not carried them, yet will they make this whole assemblie witnesses so farre of their wil, That sooner their souls shall leaue their bodies then Desire shall leaue soules: In that onelye standes their strength that gaue them their fast courage, and must be their last comfort. For what resistance is there where not onely they are met with foiren enemies, such as stately disdain, which looks from so high a Tower to pore Desire. That though (in it selfe) it bee greate yet in her eies (so seated) it seemes smal. or such on the other side as vnfortunat dispair, which makes the countrie so barren where

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they lay their ſiege, that it woulde take awaye all the ſpode of Iancie : But euen ciuill warre yeſterdaye grew betwixt them and others, who beares the ſame badge of Deſire: that they do ſo, as thus beſtead they are brought to this fayer paſſe, to deſire no more, but that this death or ouerthrowe, may be ſeene by thoſe eyes who are onely vnhappy, in that they can neither finde fellowes nor ſee them ſelues.

Which ſpeech being done, the defendants came in, in ſuch order as they came in the day before, therefore I ſhal not need to make a newe repetition of the ſame, ſith al hath bene touched already. Then wente they to the Tourney, where they did very Nobly, as the ſhiuering of the ſwordes might very well teſtifie, And after that to the barriers, where they laſhed it out luſtely, and fought couragiouſly, as if the *Greekes* and *Troians* had dealt their deadly dole, no partie was ſpared, nor eſtate expected, but eache knight indued to win the golden fleece, that expected either fame or the fauoure of his maiſtreſſe, whiche ſporte continued all the ſame daye, And towardes the euening the ſporte being ended, ther was a boy ſent vp to the queen being clothed in aſh colored garments

Tourneyes, and Barriers couragiouſly tried.

in token of humble ſubmiſſion, who hauing an Oliue braunch in his hande, and falling down proſtrate on his face, and then kneeled vp, concluded this noble exercise with these wordes to her Maieſtie.

The laſt ſpeeche to the Queene

Moſt renoumed Princeſſe of Princeſſe, in whom can nothing obtein victorie, but vertue, The Foſter children of Deſire, (but heires onely to misfortune) ſend me to deliuer in ſuch wordes as ſorowe can affoorde their moſt humble hearted ſubmiſſion, they acknowledge this Fortreſſe to be reſerued for the eye of the whole vvorlde, farre liſted vp, from the compaſſe of their deſtinie, They acknovvledge the blindenes of their error, in that they did not knovv deſire (hovv ſtrong ſo euer it be) vvithin it ſelf to be no ſtronger vvithout it ſelfe then it pleaſed the deſired, they acknowledge they haue degenerated frō their Foſterer in making violence accompany Deſire, They acknovvledge that Deſire receiued his beginning and nouriſhment of this Fortreſſe, and therefore to committe vngrateſulneſſe in bearing Armes (though deſirous Armes) againſt it: They acknovvledge Noble Deſire ſhoulde haue deſired nothing ſo much, as the flouriſhing of that Fortreſſe, vvhich vvas to be eſteemed according to it ſelfes being: They acknovvledge the leaſt determination of vertue (vvhich ſtands for guard of this Fortreſſe) to be to ſtrong for the ſtrongeſt Deſire, And therefore they do acknovvledge them ſelues ouercome, as to be ſlaues to this Fortreſſe for euer, which Tyle they

they will beare in their foreheades, as their other name is engraued in their hearts: For witneſſe thereof they preſent this Oliue branch to your preſence, in token of your Triumphant peace, And of their peaceable ſeruitude.

VVhereby they preſent themſelues as bondmen by thoſe bondes, vvhiche the loſſe of life can onely looſe: Only from out of that vvhich was theirs they craue thus much, to giue ſome token to thoſe knights vvhich may be iudged to haue don beſt in each kind of vveapon, or vvho by his deuiſe hath come in beſt ſort in this deſirous ſtriſe, this being don, they being now ſlaues (in whom much duetie requires) for fear of offece, dare ſay no further, but wiſh from the bottom of their captiued hearts, That while this realm is thus fortified and beautified: Deſire may be your choeſeſt aduerſarie.

Which ſpeech being ended her maieſtie gaue them al praiſe and great thankes, which they eſteemed ſo well, & thought themſelues rewarded accoyding to their own wiſhing, And ſo they departed each on in order, accoyding to their firſt comming in.

The Aucthors conclusion to the Reader.

THVS haue I (good Reader) according to my simple skill set forth this singuler pastime that thou maiest, beeing farre of? peraduenture knowe more, then they that were present and eye beholders of the same, which so neere as I coulde either gather or get, I haue for thy pleasure here placed it, If any thing be wanting which is not here mentioned, or ought awry and not right reported, let this suffice, that my wil was good to haue gotten all, and most vnwilling to do ought amisse, yet such as it is, if thou well accept it, I shal thinke my paines wel emploied for thy pleasure, and gratified enough with that good will: Therefore wishing thee to thinke no worse of my work, then I thought the laber litle in working, crauing but Pena verba for my well meaning. I giue thee the friendly Farewell,

Thine to command in all courteous manner. HENRIE GOLDWEL.

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